

Bill 59

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Raising the minimum thickness of any bag supplied at checkout to 4 mils (4/1000th of an inch)- as in Portland- makes it cost-prohibitive for retailers to give out thicker single-use bags and pass them off as reusable. This still allows for legitimate recycled plastic reusable bags like Chico bags and not the sham single-use ones as seen across Oahu. "Non-film plastic" should also be included as part of the definition of "reusable bag." This limits retailers ability to find loop-holes around the spirit of the plastic bag ban, by not handing out so-called biodegradable bags, that break down quickly into thousands of microplastics.

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Accept Terms
 and Agreement 1

Hawaii is our home, and as a young person, I want the opportunity to grow up and enjoy Hawaii the same way I did as a child. When I go to the beach, I want to be able to enjoy the surf and sun without bits and pieces of plastic bags floating around in the water or washed up on the beach. This simple amendment will help preserve the spirit of the plastic bag ban and help ensure that Hawaii's future is a sustainable one.

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